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Art Unit: 3773
Examiner: Darwin P. Erez**REMARKS**

In response to the Patent Office Letter of October 14, 2010, the Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration. The outstanding Office Action is non-final. Examiner Erez is thanked for the courteous telephone interview at which time the revised claim 34 was discussed. The Examiner indicated that he felt the amendments overcame the rejection that was set forth in the Office Action and would consider the response when filed.

In the Patent Office Action in paragraph 2, the Examiner has objected to the specification relating to certain claim language of "said reversed segment being substantially shorter in length than the length of said elongated substantially straight piece." The Examiner has acknowledged that this limitation is found in the drawings such as in Fig. 1. Accordingly, in the specification on page 5, we have now inserted the following: "The latch portion 16, as illustrated in Fig. 1, includes a reversed segment that is substantially shorter in length than the length of the elongated substantially straight piece of the lower jaw section 14." With this addition to the specification, there should now be antecedent basis for the claim limitation.

In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Patent Office Action, a rejection has been presented of claims 2-12, 14-17, 26, 27, 31, 32 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In order to overcome this rejection which relates to the claim language of a "single arcuate-shaped section," amendments have been made in claim 34. Claim 34 now recites the elongated upper jaw as including, inter alia, an arcuate-shaped section contiguously adjoining the straight section. The language "said single arcuate-shaped section formed as a single curvature but with different contiguous radii of curvature" has been deleted from the claim. The single arcuate-shaped section is now identified simply as an arcuate-shaped section. The revised claim 34 had been sent to the Examiner and was discussed briefly during the brief telephone interview of November 9, 2010.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof to our Deposit Account No. 19-0120.

Respectfully submitted,

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